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Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

: ON-LINE PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS

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## **DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131**

## Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Dear Sir:

We, WILLIAM H. WISECARVER, III. and MARY F. NUGENT, being duly sworn, depose and state:

- 1. We are applicants of the above-identified patent application, and the inventors of the subject matter described and claimed therein (the "Subject Matter").
- 2. Attached as "Exhibit A" are three pages of documents numbered 1-3 consecutively that relate to the Subject Matter, which we had previously authored prior to March 7, 2000. The three pages of documents contained in Exhibit A are a detailed overview of the Subject Matter.
- 3. The Subject Matter claimed in the present application is clearly set forth in Exhibit A.
- 4. In October of 2000, I engaged the law firm of Schnader Harrison to prepare and file a provisional patent application based on the Subject Matter, which was filed on October 13, 2000.
- 5. On October 4, 2001, the present application was filed based on the provisional patent application with the United States Patent & Trademark Office.

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